



# RANDOLPH

## Norfolk County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Located fifteen miles south of Boston, at the intersection of Routes 128 and 24, Randolph's location has been an important factor in its economic and social history.

At the time of Randolph's incorporation in 1793, local farmers were making shoes and boots to augment household incomes from subsistence farming. In the next half century, this sideline had become the town's major industry, attracting workers from across New England, Canada and Ireland and later from Italy and Eastern Europe, each adding to the quality of life in the town. By 1850 Randolph had become one of the nation's leading boot producers, shipping boots and shoes as far away as California and Australia.

The decline of the shoe industry at the beginning of the twentieth century led to Randolph's evolution as a suburban residential community. Boot and shoe making has been supplanted by light manufacturing and service industries. The town's proximity to major transportation networks has resulted in an influx of families from Boston and other localities who live in Randolph but work throughout the metropolitan area.

Today, as Randolph celebrates two full centuries as a town, the community feels itself to be one of the most culturally diverse municipalities on the South Shore. Working together to meet the challenges of a changing society and economy, town residents celebrate their unique heritage and strive to build for a future in which all can take pride.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Milton and Quincy on the north, Braintree and Holbrook on the east, Canton on the west, and Avon and Stoughton on the south and southwest. Randolph is 15 miles south of Boston and 211 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 10.50 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 10.07 sq. miles

**Population:** 30,093

**Density:** 2,988 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Blue Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....49.0"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Blue Hills

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 961-0900

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1793

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

|                   | Number | %    |   |
|-------------------|--------|------|---|
| Total Registered  | 14,948 |      |   |
| Democrats         | 7,092  | 47.4 | % |
| Republicans       | 1,246  | 8.3  | % |
| Other parties     | 0      | 0.0  | % |
| Unenrolled Voters | 6,610  | 44.2 | % |

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Randolph town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

| Subject   | Number | Percent | Subject  | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|--|--------|---------|
| Total population.....                           | 30,963 | 100.0   | HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE                          |        |         |
| SEX AND AGE                                     |        |         | Total population.....                                | 30,963 | 100.0   |
| Male.....                                       | 14,808 | 47.8    | Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....                | 1,006  | 3.2     |
| Female.....                                     | 16,155 | 52.2    | Mexican.....   | 49     | 0.2     |
| Under 5 years.....                              | 1,868  | 6.0     | Puerto Rican.....                                    | 317    | 1.0     |
| 5 to 9 years.....                               | 2,031  | 6.6     | Cuban.....   | 32     | 0.1     |
| 10 to 14 years.....                             | 2,137  | 6.9     | Other Hispanic or Latino.....                        | 608    | 2.0     |
| 15 to 19 years.....                             | 1,825  | 5.9     | Not Hispanic or Latino.....                          | 29,957 | 96.8    |
| 20 to 24 years.....                             | 1,587  | 5.1     | White alone.....                                     | 19,038 | 61.5    |
| 25 to 34 years.....                             | 4,263  | 13.8    | RELATIONSHIP   |        |         |
| 35 to 44 years.....                             | 5,299  | 17.1    | Total population.....                                | 30,963 | 100.0   |
| 45 to 54 years.....                             | 4,595  | 14.8    | In households.....                                   | 30,686 | 99.1    |
| 55 to 59 years.....                             | 1,687  | 5.4     | Householder.....                                     | 11,313 | 36.5    |
| 60 to 64 years.....                             | 1,244  | 4.0     | Spouse.....  | 5,992  | 19.4    |
| 65 to 74 years.....                             | 2,264  | 7.3     | Child.....   | 9,673  | 31.2    |
| 75 to 84 years.....                             | 1,604  | 5.2     | Own child under 18 years.....                        | 6,455  | 20.8    |
| 85 years and over.....                          | 559    | 1.8     | Other relatives.....                                 | 2,302  | 7.4     |
| Median age (years).....                         | 38.3   | (X)     | Under 18 years.....                                  | 643    | 2.1     |
| 18 years and over.....                          | 23,748 | 76.7    | Nonrelatives.....                                    | 1,406  | 4.5     |
| Male.....                                       | 11,113 | 35.9    | Unmarried partner.....                               | 509    | 1.6     |
| Female.....                                     | 12,635 | 40.8    | In group quarters.....                               | 277    | 0.9     |
| 21 years and over.....                          | 22,818 | 73.7    | Institutionalized population.....                    | 262    | 0.8     |
| 62 years and over.....                          | 5,137  | 16.6    | Noninstitutionalized population.....                 | 15     | -       |
| 65 years and over.....                          | 4,427  | 14.3    | HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE                                    |        |         |
| Male.....                                       | 1,803  | 5.8     | Total households.....                                | 11,313 | 100.0   |
| Female.....                                     | 2,624  | 8.5     | Family households (families).....                    | 7,982  | 70.6    |
| RACE  |        |         | With own children under 18 years.....                | 3,587  | 31.7    |
| One race.....                                   | 29,925 | 96.6    | Married-couple family.....                           | 5,992  | 53.0    |
| White.....                                      | 19,455 | 62.8    | With own children under 18 years.....                | 2,727  | 24.1    |
| Black or African American.....                  | 6,456  | 20.9    | Female householder, no husband present.....          | 1,518  | 13.4    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native.....          | 70     | 0.2     | With own children under 18 years.....                | 709    | 6.3     |
| Asian.....                                      | 3,151  | 10.2    | Nonfamily households.....                            | 3,331  | 29.4    |
| Asian Indian.....                               | 439    | 1.4     | Householder living alone.....                        | 2,675  | 23.6    |
| Chinese.....                                    | 1,516  | 4.9     | Householder 65 years and over.....                   | 1,190  | 10.5    |
| Filipino.....                                   | 232    | 0.7     | Households with individuals under 18 years.....      | 3,983  | 35.2    |
| Japanese.....                                   | 12     | -       | Households with individuals 65 years and over.....   | 3,200  | 28.3    |
| Korean.....                                     | 43     | 0.1     | Average household size.....                          | 2.71   | (X)     |
| Vietnamese.....                                 | 718    | 2.3     | Average family size.....                             | 3.25   | (X)     |
| Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....                  | 191    | 0.6     | HOUSING OCCUPANCY                                    |        |         |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 11     | -       | Total housing units.....                             | 11,533 | 100.0   |
| Native Hawaiian.....                            | -      | -       | Occupied housing units.....                          | 11,313 | 98.1    |
| Guamanian or Chamorro.....                      | -      | -       | Vacant housing units.....                            | 220    | 1.9     |
| Samoa.....                                      | 2      | -       | For seasonal, recreational, or                       |        |         |
| Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....       | 9      | -       | occasional use.....                                  | 36     | 0.3     |
| Some other race.....                            | 782    | 2.5     | Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....                | 0.3    | (X)     |
| Two or more races.....                          | 1,038  | 3.4     | Rental vacancy rate (percent).....                   | 2.3    | (X)     |
| Race alone or in combination with one           |        |         | HOUSING TENURE                                       |        |         |
| or more other races: <sup>3</sup>               |        |         | Occupied housing units.....                          | 11,313 | 100.0   |
| White.....                                      | 19,914 | 64.3    | Owner-occupied housing units.....                    | 8,184  | 72.3    |
| Black or African American.....                  | 7,171  | 23.2    | Renter-occupied housing units.....                   | 3,129  | 27.7    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native.....          | 249    | 0.8     | Average household size of owner-occupied units.....  | 2.92   | (X)     |
| Asian.....                                      | 3,315  | 10.7    | Average household size of renter-occupied units..... | 2.18   | (X)     |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 58     | 0.2     |  |        |         |
| Some other race.....                            | 1,411  | 4.6     |  |        |         |

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Conventional State:   | 244 |
| Conventional Federal: | 0   |

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

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|----------------------|----|
| State (MRVP:         | 10 |
| Federal (Section 8): | 0  |



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

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Randolph is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate Route 93 and State Route 128, which share the same roadway; parallel N-S State Routes 24 (the Fall River Expressway) and 28, and State Route 139.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available on the Providence Line from Stoughton Station, Canton Junction Station, and Route 128 Station. Travel time from Canton Junction to BBS: 18-26 min.; 781 MBTA parking spaces. The MBTA Red Line is accessible in Braintree and Quincy.

### Bus

Randolph is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) which provides fixed route service to Quincy Adams and Ashmont Stations. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

The Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) provides service to Ashmont Station in Boston.

### Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Randolph Crossings Nursing Center

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

Hollywell Health Care Center

Seth Mann 2nd Home For Aged

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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